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Request for Applications NGO Grants

The Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) within the Civil Society Strengthening Project (CSSP) funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announces a grant competition for experienced non-governmental organizations (NGOs) throughout the Republic of Macedonia. The goal of CSSP is to support Macedonia's civil society to become a more effective, influential, and permanent partner alongside government and businesses in shaping the country's present and future.

The purpose of the grant competition is to identify and develop a group of up to 8 leader NGOs that will complement the core group of 17 leader NGOs involved during the first three years of CSSP implementation. The diverse group of organizations will include issue-focused or service organizations, monitoring groups, issue-based coalitions or formal networks, professional associations and think tanks. NGOs will represent diversity in geographic location and in gender and ethnic focus, as well as leadership and staffing.

Twelve-month grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to support specific advocacy projects that enable citizen participation in the general areas of decentralization; anti-corruption; and EU integration. Applicants may submit projects focused on any subject or type of activity that is within their mission and falls within the general areas outlined above. Successful NGO applications will present ambitious projects designed to achieve maximum impact.

In addition to the grants for specific advocacy projects, each NGO will be provided with technical assistance, training, and capacity building support, for implementation of their projects and for the institutional development of their respective organizations.

The complete Request for Proposals and Application Form are available through the following means:

- For electronic download on ISC's website www.isc.org.mk and USAID's website <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>
- Electronic copies may be obtained from ISC's office in Skopje

Grant proposals should be submitted to the ISC office by 17:00 hours local time, August 26, 2008 in the required format with all required attachments.

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